



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND THE MANUFACTURING METHOD

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification attached hereto.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-43 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. No new matter is added.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the substitute specification (37 C.F.R. §1.125(b)(2)).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-43 are earnestly solicited.